

PATENT**REMARKS**

Claims 2-26 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1 and 27-64 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments place the application in condition for allowance and respectfully request entry of this amendment and early allowance of this application.

In the Office action dated July 27, 2004, which was made final and the Advisory Office action dated October 19, 2004 the Examiner allowed claims 10-26 and objected to claims 3 and 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner indicated however, that claims 3 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent format including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have rewritten claims 3 and 8 in independent format incorporating all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that claims 3 and 8 are allowable.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4-7 and 9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 6,379,300 to Haubrich. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection. Applicants have cancelled claim 1 without prejudice. Applicants do not acquiesce in the rejection of claim 1. Rather, applicants have cancelled claim 1 to place the application in condition for allowance and to expedite issuance of the application. Further applicants have amended claims 2, 4-7 and 9 to depend from allowable claim 3. Applicants respectfully submit therefore that claims 2, 4-7 and 9 are therefore allowable as is claim 3 and for additional limitations recited therein.

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In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, entry of this amendment and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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